

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 1, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:34 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:19 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Dane Mahern, Chairman
Scott Keller
Jackie Nytes
Marilyn Pfisterer
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Ron Gibson
Lance Langsford
Angela Mansfield
Mike Speedy

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2006 -reappoints Michael Rinebold to the Indianapolis Housing Agency Board

“Postpone” until May 31, 2006

Vote: 5-0

Update on the Indianapolis Housing Agency – Bud Myers, Executive Director

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, May 1, 2006. Chair Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Keller, Jackie Nytes, Marilyn Pfisterer, and Steve Talley. Absent were Ron Gibson, Lance Langsford, Angela Mansfield, and Mike Speedy.

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Chair Mahern stated that Mr. Rinebold was unable to attend the meeting and asked for the proposal to be postponed.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 176, 2006 until May 31, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Update on the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) – Bud Myers, Executive Director

Mr. Myers introduced the staff of the IHA and gave a presentation (Exhibit A, on file in the Council office). Some of the key points are as follows:

- There are federal funding challenges that are forthcoming for the agency. Approximately 90% of the agency’s total budget is funded with federal grants and subsidies
- IHA has seen its operating, modernization, and drug elimination funds cut by approximately \$9.27 million since 2001. The activities that are done by IHA are controlled by the money that they have to spend on their operation
- The agency is anticipating a score of 85 on the substandard financial rating, which will allow the agency to return to standard performance level
- IHA met the Housing and Urban Development (HUD)- 50058 reporting rate, which is 95%
- IHA was awarded a Community Development Block Grant to renovate 11 housing units that are currently uninhabitable. The agency is also working on mixed-finance and multi-family developments
- IHA is working with the Prosecutor’s office and others to ensure their Section 8 landlords understand the law and Section 8 regulations

Councillor Pfisterer asked if IHA will receive additional federal dollars as a result of reaching standard performance level. Mr. Myers said a score of 90 will help the agency more due to the changes in housing.

Councillor Keller asked how many units IHA manages. Mr. Myers said that there are approximately 1700 units of public housing and 6600 Section 8 units. Councillor Keller asked for a breakdown of how much fraudulent activity there was with Section 8 and the significance of the results in a five year period. Mr. Myers said the reason why there is a five year period is because this is when the Special Investigation office was activated. Mr. Myers said some of the fraudulent activity was found by running social security numbers against the agency's attendant file; where they found landlords still collecting on attendants that are deceased.

Councillor Nytes asked if IHA receives funding from any of the budgets approved by the city. Mr. Myers replied in the negative. Councillor Nytes asked if the city has provided funding in the past to the agency. Mr. Myers said there was a time when IHA received County Option Income Tax (COIT) money. Councillor Nytes asked if the agency has a target number of units that are needed to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Myers said 1,600 are on the waiting list for public housing, which is the same amount of units available. Councillor Nytes asked if the agency foresee any return in the federal funding. Mr. Myers said the trend is not there to see the federal government getting back to the level from before.

Chair Mahern stated that with the woes of federal funding the agency has still managed to obtain some remarkable improvements on their PHAS and HUD-50058 score and the staff and leadership should be commended.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chair
Metropolitan Development Committee

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